

Appl. No. 09/325,431

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image-capturing apparatus is capable of capturing a three-dimensional image and a high quality panoramic image as the need arises, and is portable if it is used as a single lens camera that captures a normal two-dimensional image. A second image-capturing unit having an image-capturing optical system is detachably connected to a first image-capturing unit, which is capable of functioning as an image-capturing apparatus by itself, through joints and a connector. The second image-capturing unit can extensively connect to other units, which have the similar connecting structure. Information is transmitted between the units through a slot for an external storage device. ~~There is provided a means for adjusting the~~ The positions of images captured by the second and subsequent image-capturing units can be adjusted with respect to an image captured by the first image-capturing unit. In synchronism with release signals from the first image-capturing unit, the other units are driven to capture the images at the same time or continuously.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing apparatus, comprising: